



Food and Drug Administration Rockville, MD 20857

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Ms. Kate C. Beardsley Ms. Carmen M. Shepard Buc & Beardsley 919 Eighteenth Street, N.W Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20006

On behalf of Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited

Dear Ms. Beardsley and Ms. Shepard:

Your petition to the Food and Drug Administration regarding the 180-day exclusivity of simvastatin 80 mg tablet, was received by this office on 02/01/2005. It was assigned docket number 2005P-0046/CP1 and it was filed on 02/03/2005. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Lyle D. Jaffe

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